


REMARKS

As discussed with the Examiner on January 11, 2005, a Preliminary Amendment was concurrently filed with the present Application. In the Amendment, Claims 1-13 and 17-24 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Also in the Preliminary Amendment, Claim 25 was added. Thus, Claims 14-16 and 25 are currently pending. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Restriction Requirement of December 20, 2004 was issued in error.

Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement of December 20, 2004 be withdrawn.

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